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networks, etc. Furthermore, a variety of different electronic commerce techniques and configurations may be used to allow users to purchase music or other information previously transmitted via radio broadcast channel or other communication medium. These and numerous other alternative embodiments and implementations within the scope of the following claims will be apparent to those skilled in the art.--

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A method of providing information to a user, the method comprising the steps of:

storing identification information extracted from a current wireless broadcast which is being presented in a perceptible form to a user, in response to a command from the user, the command being entered at a wireless receiver, the identification information being extracted and stored without requiring any connection between the wireless receiver and an access point of a data network, wherein the identification information specifies sufficient information to identify at least one deliverable information item associated with the broadcast; and

subsequently delivering at least a portion of the extracted identification information over the data network to a server which processes the identification information to identify the at least one deliverable information item associated with the broadcast.

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7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the identification information is extracted from a compressed digital audio bitstream associated with the current broadcast.

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9. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the extracted identification information is stored in a memory of the wireless receiver which receives the current wireless broadcast.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the extracted identification information is stored in a removable memory device associated with the wireless receiver which receives the wireless broadcast, and wherein the removable memory device is removable from the receiver and

26 insertable into another device which establishes a network connection for delivery of the identification information to the server over the data network.

12. (Amended) An apparatus for use in providing information to a user, the apparatus comprising:

27 a storage device connectable to a wireless receiver, for storing identification information extracted from a current wireless broadcast which is being presented in a perceptible form to a user, in response to a command from the user, the command being entered at the wireless receiver, the identification information being extracted and stored without requiring any connection between the wireless receiver and an access point of a data network, wherein the identification information specifies sufficient information to identify at least one deliverable information item associated with the broadcast, such that at least a portion of the identification information is subsequently deliverable over the data network to a server which processes the identification information to identify the at least one deliverable information item associated with the broadcast.

13. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the current broadcast comprises a particular piece of music.

14. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the deliverable information item associated with the broadcast comprises a compilation which includes the piece of music.

15. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the deliverable information item comprises a disk-based storage medium having the piece of music stored thereon.

16. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the deliverable information item comprises a downloadable file containing the piece of music.

an 17. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the identification information comprises at least one of an artist, a title, an album name, a label identifier, a source identifier, a date, and a time associated with the current broadcast of the piece of music.

18. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the identification information is extracted from a compressed digital audio bitstream associated with the current broadcast.

19. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the identification information is automatically extracted and stored for a plurality of distinct broadcasts upon entry of a corresponding user command.

20. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the storage device comprises a memory of the wireless receiver which receives the current wireless broadcast.

21. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the storage device comprises a removable memory device associated with the wireless receiver which receives the wireless broadcast, and wherein the removable memory device is removable from the receiver and insertable into another device which establishes a network connection for delivery of the identification information to the server over the data network.

22. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the extracted identification information is delivered to the server over a network connection established over the Internet.

23. (Amended) An apparatus for use in providing information to a user, the apparatus comprising:

a wireless receiver having associated therewith a storage device for storing identification information extracted from a current wireless broadcast which is being presented in a perceptible form to a user, in response to a command from the user, the command being entered at the wireless receiver, the identification information being extracted and stored without requiring

any connection between the wireless receiver and an access point of a data network, wherein the identification information specifies sufficient information to identify at least one deliverable information item associated with the broadcast, such that at least a portion of the identification information is subsequently deliverable over the data network to a server which processes the identification information to identify the at least one deliverable information item associated with the broadcast.
